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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY DRAFT OF PRESENTATION REMARKS FOR AMBASSADOR'S CONSIDERATION. ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT'S CHEF DU PROTOCOLE, SPEECH SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE MINUTES LONG.

2. TEXT: I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE LETTERS BY WHICH PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON ACCREDITS ME AS AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGO AND THE LETTER OF RECALL OF MY PREDECESSOR, AMBASSADOR DWIGHT DICKINSON.

IT IS A GREAT HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENTING MY COUNTRY TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF TOGO. THE BURDEN OF THIS SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY IS, HOWEVER, MADE LIGHT BY A KNOWLEDGE OF THE HAPPY HISTORY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WHICH OUR TWO REPUBLICS HAVE ENJOYED SINCE OUR FIRST EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS IN 1960. I AM MINDFUL, AS I TAKE MY PLACE AS THE SIXTH AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN LOME, OF THIS HISTORY OF CONSTANT FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION. I LOOK FORWARD WITH THE GREATEST PLEASURE TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AMONG YOUR PEOPLE WHO ARE KNOWN FAR BEYOND THE NARROW CONFINES

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OF THEIR FATHERLAND FOR THEIR ENERGY, TALENT AND FRIENDLINESS.

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FOLLOW WITH SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING YOUR UNCEASING EFFORTS TO UNIFY AND DEVELOP YOUR NATION AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL YOUR PEOPLE AND IN ALL REGIONS OF THE COUNTRY. WE APPRECIATE AND UNDERSTAND TOGO'S DESIRE TO BE ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT AS IT IS POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT, AND TO USE ITS PATRIMONY WISELY, FOR THE NATION'S BENEFIT. IT IS A SEEMING PARADOX, BUT NOT A CONTRADICTION, THAT SUCH A POLICY BE PURSUED BY YOUNG NATIONS WHOSE DESTINIES ARE ONLY NOW FULLY IN THEIR OWN CONTROL, WHILE THE OLDER, MORE POWERFUL INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS ARE SEEING EVER MORE CLEARLY THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET. FOR WHILE THIS INTERDEPENDENCE MUST, OF DIRE NECESSITY, RESULT IN MORE AND MORE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, THE ONLY COOPERATION THAT WILL ENDURE AND BEAR FRUIT IS THAT FREELY GIVEN BY EACH NATION AS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF NATIONS. ONLY THE TRULY INDEPENDENT CAN ASSUME THEIR PROPER SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN BUILDING A WORLD ORDER BASED ON PEACE AND JUSTICE.

ACTING ACCORDING TO THIS PHILOSOPHY, THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES TOGO'S EFFORTS TO BECOME MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT THROUGH OUR MODEST BUT EMINENTLY PRACTICAL SELF-HELP PROGRAM. BY HELPING YOUR PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES, WE HAVE HAD THE SATISFACTION OF SHARING IN THE BUILDING OF SCHOOLS, DAMS, BRIDGES, WELLS, AND DISPENSARIES IN EVERY PART OF TOGO. IT IS WHY, AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE GROWTH OF REGIONAL AFRICAN UNITY BY CHANNELING MUCH OF OUR HELP TO TOGO THROUGH THE COUNCIL OF ENTENTE, INTO REGIONALLY-BENEFICIAL PROJECTS.

MR. PRESIDENT, IT IS ALSO MY DUTY TO REPRESENT TO YOU AND TO YOUR GOVERNMENT THE VIEWS OF THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES NOT ONLY ON PROBLEMS OF SPECIAL MUTUAL CONCERN TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO THOSE WHICH ENGAGE THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THESE LATTER QUESTIONS--SUCH AS THE LAW OF THE SEAS, THE PRESERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, THE WISE USE OF ENERGY, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GENUINE PEACE IN THE WORLD--ALL THESE REQUIRE THE GOOD WILL AND SERIOUS ATTENTION OF STATESMEN EVERYWHERE. I TRUST THAT, IN THE MONTHS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND YEARS AHEAD, YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL RECEIVE MY REPRESENTATIONS WITH THE SAME FRIENDLY CONSIDERATION WHICH YOU HAVE ACCORDED TO ALL MY PREDECESSORS.

IN CLOSING, MR PRESIDENT, PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS TO YOU THE GREETINGS OF THE PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED PERSONAL WELL-BEING AND FOR THE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF

ALL THE PEOPLE OF TOGO. LONG LIVE AMERICAN-TOGOLESE FRIENDSHIP*

3. CLOSING SENTENCE IS CUSTOMARY TYPE OF CLOSING IN LOCAL SPEECHES. EMBASSY WILL PREPARE FRENCH TRANSLATION OF APPROVED VERSION OF REMARKS IF AMBASSADOR WISHES.

2. WITH REGARD TO ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, WE RECOGNIZE IT IS A TOUCH SUBJECT, BUT (A) NATIONALIZATION OF CTMB IS FAIT ACCOMPLI, (B) SETTLEMENT OF COMPENSATION ISSUE WAS RAPID AND EVIDENTLY GENEROUS, (C) US PRIVATE INTERESTS WERE NEVER MENTIONED BY GOT IN CTMB TAKEOVER OR IN CONNECTION WITH PRESIDENT'S PLANE CRASH. (D) US PRIVATE INTERESTS PRESERVEED GOOD RELATIONS WITH GOT BY MATURE APPROACH TO PROBLEM. MAKING BEST OF GIVEN SITUATION, OUR ABILITY TO ACCEPT IDEA OF TOGO'S POLICY OF ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL INTERDEPENDENCE AND COOPERATION, IS A REALISTIC AND TOLERANT APPROACH.
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